

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-13 and 16-18 and 21, will remain pending in the application, with claim 3 standing ready for further action on the merits, and the remaining claims 1-2, 5-10, 12-13, 16-18 and 21 standing allowed.

In the present amendment claim 23 has been canceled and claim 3 has been amended to recite that R<sup>1</sup> is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which finds support in claim 1.

Accordingly, the present amendment to the claims does not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed and entry thereof is thus respectfully requested.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's courtesy in indicating that claims 1-2, 5-10, 12-13, 16-18 and 21 contain allowable subject matter, and that all prior rejections have been overcome.

***Claim Rejection Under 35 USC 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph***

Claims 3 and 23 have been rejected under the provisions of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Reconsideration and withdraw of the rejection is respectfully requested based on the amendments made herein to the claims, wherein claim 23 has been canceled and claim 3 has been amended to recite that R<sup>1</sup> is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms. Claim 3 as instantly amended

particularly and distinctly sets forth the invention that the Applicants regard as their own. The statute (35 USC § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph) requires no more.

CONCLUSION

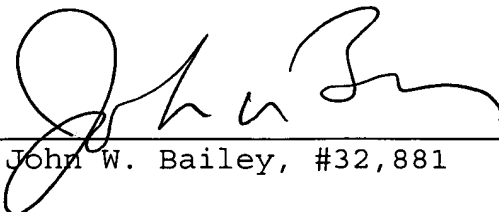
Based on the amendments made herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow each of pending claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-13, 16-18 and 21 at present.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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